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TAGS: OVIP (BURGER, WARREN E.) SW

SUBJECT: VISIT TO SWEDEN OF CHIEF JUSTICE BURGER

REF: STOCKHOLM 4892

1. ELEVEN DAY VISIT TO SWEDEN OF CHIEF JUSTICE AND MRS. WARREN E. BURGER ENDED ON SEPTEMBER 15 AND WAS, IN EMBASSY VIEW, HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL IN BROADENING USEFUL CONTACTS BETWEEN AMERICAN AND SWEDISH JUDICIARIES. VISIT WAS CAPPED BY SWEDISH GOVERNMENT DINNER GIVEN IN CHIEF JUSTICE'S HONOR ON SEPTEMBER 14 HOSTED BY MINISTER OF JUSTICE LENNART GEIJER AND ATTENDED BY HIGHEST LEVEL REPRESENTATIVES OF SWEDISH COURT AND LEGAL SYSTEMS.

2. ACCORDING TO CHIEF JUSTICE BURGER, HIS VISIT WAS MOST USEFUL IN SEVERAL WAYS, PARTICULARLY IN HIS DISCUSSIONS REGARDING THE 200 YEAR OLD ASSIMILATION OF PEOPLE PROCESS UNDERWAY IN THE US. THE CHIEF JUSTICE FREQUENTLY BROUGHT UP THE SOCIAL AND POLITICAL TENSIONS THAT HAVE ACCOMPANIED THIS PROCESS THROUGHOUT AMERICAN HISTORY, WHICH HAVE STIMULATED MUCH OF THE LEGAL DOCTRINE EXPOUNDED BY THE US SUPREME COURT. HE HEARD FROM HIS SWEDISH HOSTS THAT SWEDEN, WHICH IN THE PAST HAS OFTEN CRITICIZED THE INABILITY OF THE US TO COMPLETE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THIS PROCESS IN A PEACEFUL AND JUST MANNER, WAS

NOW BEGINNING TO EXPERIENCE THE SAME SORTS OF  
TENSIONS FOR THE SAME REASONS. THE CHIEF JUSTICE  
HEARD THAT WHEREAS 5 PERCENT OF SWEDEN'S PRISON POPULATION  
IN 1964 (DATE OF HIS LAST VISIT TO SWEDEN) WAS  
MADE UP OF ALIENS, THAT FIGURE TODAY IS 20 PERCENT AND  
IS RISING RAPIDLY. THE CHIEF JUSTICE AND THE  
EMBASSY BELIEVE THAT THERE IS NOW GREATER UNDER-  
STANDING AMONG TOP LEVEL SWEDISH OFFICIALS WITH  
WHOM HE MET OF THE ENORMOUS DIFFICULTIES INVOLVED  
IN ANY "MELTING POT" EFFORT.

3. MRS. BURGER, WHO HAD FALLEN ILL ON THE DAY OF  
ARRIVAL, RECOVERED BY SEPTEMBER 10 AND WAS  
ABLE TO ACCOMPANY THE CHIEF JUSTICE TO GOTEBORG  
AND TO HIS REMAINING ACTIVITIES IN STOCKHOLM.  
THE CHIEF JUSTICE AND MRS. BURGER DEPARTED  
STOCKHOLM ON SEPTEMBER 15 FOR PARIS AND WILL  
RETURN TO WASHINGTON ON SEPTEMBER 18.

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